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SUBJECT: GDR PROTESTS "ATTACKS" ON S-BAHN IN WEST BERLIN

REF: A. BERLIN 2484, B. BERLIN 2492

1. EAST BERLIN PRESS APRIL 12 CARRIES A REPORT ON ALLEGED ATTACKS ON PORTIONS OF THE S-BAHN SYSTEM IN WEST BERLIN. THE REPORT, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO PICTURES OF INCENDIARY DEVICES, STATES THAT FIRE-BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST THE S-BAHN TOOK PLACE ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 11-12 ALONG STRETCH OF S-BAHN TRACK IN HEILIGENSEE-SCHOENHOLZ AND THAT A SIMILAR ATTACK ON MARCH 28 RESULTED IN A FIRE IN AN S-BAHN TRAIN RETURNING TO THE BERLIN-FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION.

2. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROTESTED TO THE WEST BERLIN SENAT AGAINST THESE "ATTACKS AGAINST THE ORDER AND SECURITY OF THE S-BAHN SYSTEM" AND DEMANDED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO "STOP SUCH HOSTILE ACTIVITIES" AND TO BRING THE GUILTY PARTIES TO RESPONSIBILITY.

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1. COMMENT: THE ND REPORT OF THE ALLEGED ATTACKS AND THE GDR PROTEST ARE COUCHED IN GENERALLY NON-POLEMICAL TERMS. HOWEVER, THE PROMINENCE OF THE REPORT, AND THE PHOTOS WHICH ACCOMPANY IT, SEEM INTENDED TO DRAW THE READER'S ATTENTION TO THE DASTARDLY CHARACTER OF THE "ATTACKS" MADE UPON THE S-BAHN IN WEST BERLIN AND, BY IMPLICATION, THE

IRRESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES IN NOT
CONTROLLING SUCH ACTIVITIES. WE NOTE THIS IS
THE THIRD TIME IN AS MANY DAYS THAT THE GDR HAS TAKEN
PUBLIC EXCEPTION TO ACTIONS (OR INACTION) OF THE SENAT
(SEE REFS). BOLEN

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